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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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Ostensibly based on an indication of allowable subject matter in claim 7, Applicant has amended the claims such that they are now all dependent from this claim.

The Examiner has reviewed the prosecution history to ascertain what were the reasons for holding claim 7 as allowable, but the record is silent. The only rationale that the Examiner could conceive of was that the reference did not expressly characterize the borosilicate glass component as being crystalline. However, a quick survey of the prior art confirmed the Examiner's suspicion that borosilicate glass is known in both crystalline- and amorphous forms. Given that (i) Yokota is not forthcoming as to what types of borosilicate glass are advocated, (ii) only three forms (crystalline, semi-crystalline, amorphous) are known, the Examiner should have taken the position that both a powder composition with crystalline- and amorphous borosilicate glass particles would have been obvious.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokota et al., JP 58-034870 for the reasons originally outlined in the January 30, 2006 response. To reiterate, both a composition have crystalline borosilicate particulate and a composition having amorphous borosilicate particulate would have been obvious to the skilled artisan familiar with the Yokota disclosure.

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Of course, the Examiner would have to reconsider this rejection if they could demonstrate that it was unexpectedly superior properties in the composition containing the crystalline form of the borosilicate glass. Alternatively, Applicant mentions in their Specification different embodiments of the low melting crystalline particles that could be inserted into claim 7.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARC S. ZIMMER whose telephone number is (571)272-1096. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Marc S. Zimmer/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1796